

## Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 October to 31 December 2021

IPSO will publish information on a quarterly basis where we have received more than ten complaints under Clause 12 of the Editors' Code of Practice about the same issue. The information below gives a brief summary of the types of complaints received and the outcome. It is not intended to be exhaustive and the statistics about the numbers of complaints received are accurate up to the end of the relevant quarter. These statistics do not include any cases still under investigation; cases relating to any non-regulated publications; or cases where IPSO received fewer than 10 complaints.

| Headline                                                                         | Publications | Characteristics/group                                | Analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Over 100 complaints received                                                     |              |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The Lookalike Lass                                                               | Daily Mail   | An individual                                        | A print and online comment piece about a business executive and shareholder of Newcastle United Football Club. A reader had submitted a photograph which compared her with the Cowardly Lion from the film The Wizard of Oz. Complainants said the article was an unwarranted and inappropriate attack on her, which legitimised misogyny and bullying. Some complainants pointed out that she has Huntingdon's Disease, and that the article ridiculed somebody with a serious condition. Complaints were made by third parties. |
| It's time to punish Britain's 5 million vaccine refuseniks                       | Daily Mail   | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 | Print and online comment piece which complainants said was discriminatory and defamatory towards people who have chosen not to have the Covid-19 vaccination. Others said that "refusenik" was a pejorative term. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Between 10 and 100 complaints received                                           |              |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 'Anti-vaxxers want to kill your babies, stage a coup and cause another lockdown' | mirror.co.uk | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 | Online comment piece comparing people who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 with the Taliban. Complainants said that the piece was inciting hate speech. Some said that they objected to being termed an "anti-vaxxer" when they had all other vaccines except Covid-19. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Between 10 and 100 complaints received (cont.)                                           |                        |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Super-spreaders of COVID LIES                                                            | Daily Mail             | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 / an individual | Print and online article reporting on a man who has campaigned against the Covid-19 vaccine, and his followers. Complainants said that the article was inaccurate and discriminatory, and that "anti-vaxxer" was a slur. Complaints were made by third parties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Six healthy children died of Covid in a year, analysis by NHS shows                      | The Daily Telegraph    | Children with disabilities and underlying health conditions          | Print and online article reporting on the effects of the pandemic on children. Complainants said that the article was ableist not to count people with pre-existing conditions when discussing death rates from Covid-19, and implied that disabled children are worthless. Some said that deaths of children are being minimised and the article verged on eugenics. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.                                                                      |
| First Afghan refugees due to arrive in Northern Ireland within weeks                     | belfasttelegraph.co.uk | Afghan refugees                                                      | Front page print and online article about a group of Afghan refugees who are being settled in Northern Ireland. The online article was originally illustrated with a photograph of Taliban soldiers. Complainants said that this was a deliberate attempt to associate innocent Afghan refugees with terrorism, and had the potential to lead to harassment against the refugees. The article has been amended and the photograph removed. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. |
| Make unjabbed face their own lockdown so we can live our lives                           | The Sun on Sunday      | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19                 | Print and online comment piece about people who have chosen not to be vaccinated against Covid-19. Complainants objected to the tone of the piece towards those who had chosen not to have the vaccine or may be allergic to it. Other complainants said that the article spread misinformation. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.                                                                                                                                           |
| I'm fed up with the unvaccinated rump who risk pushing us back into lockdown             | The Daily Telegraph    | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19                 | Print and online comment piece about people who have chosen not to be vaccinated against Covid-19. Complainants said that the article was likely to stir up ill feeling and would breed division and hatred. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Young people are dying in intensive care... They haven't had their jabs / PLEASE GET JAB | Daily Mirror           | People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19                 | Front page and online article reporting the views of medical staff who were urging young people to have the Covid-19 vaccine. Complainants said that the article was stoking hostility towards a group of people who have chosen not to be vaccinated. Some said that the claims made by the staff in the article were inaccurate and would spread hysteria. These claims were clearly attributed to those who had made them. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.              |